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In re application of: AUST et al.

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for current collectors and Connectors in Lead-Acid Batteries

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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 23 (as amended in the amendment dated March 25, 2002) beginning with the term "EXAMPLE #4" at line 17 and ending on page 23, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--EXAMPLE #4

Various lead alloys were subjected to one or more deformation and annealing cycles used to make the recrystallized lead-alloy according to this invention. In each cycle the sample was deformed at room temperature to 25% reduction in thickness and then annealed by heat-treating at 255°C for five minutes. After the final deformation